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Applicant(s): Tokunaga

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For: PHOTOELECTRIC CONVERSION DEVICE, FOCUS DETECTION DEVICE, METHOD OF CONTROLLING THESE DEVICES, AND STORAGE MEDIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This preliminary amendment is being submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this preliminary amendment before an examination of this case on the merits.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 17 of this paper.